

MINUTES
of the
Mental Health Planning Advisory Council
meeting on
June 28, 2005
held at
Southern Nevada Adult Mental
Health Services (SNAMHS)
Building 1, Multipurpose Room
6161 West Charleston Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89146-1126

Bob Bennett, Council Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions

Council Members Present:

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| • Aragon, Melanie – WRTH | • Lovass-Nagy, Chris – NSHD |
| • Bennett, Bob | • Norris, Rene – Nevada P.E.P. |
| • Cooley, Judge W. - | • Parra, Debra – State Housing |
| • Crowe, Kevin, Ed.D. – MHDS | • Richard-Maley, Rebecca – DCFS |
| • Jackson, Barbara - MHDS | • Thomas, Alyce - MHDS |

Council Members Absent:

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| • Castle, Howard W. – DETR | • Loftis, Rebecca, Ph.D. – DOC |
| • Cordell, Kathryn – DHCFP | • McCabe, Frankie – DOC |
| • Johnson, Rosetta | • Romano, Anna |

Staff and Others in Attendance:

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| • Anderson, Theresa – DCFS | • Hughes, Kathy – Nevada P.E. P. |
| • Brandenburg, Carlos, Ph.D. – MHDS | • Kane, Julie – MHDS |
| • Cannizzaro, Michelle – MHDS | • Mears, Susan – DCFS |
| • Hosselkus, Debbie, LSW – MHDS | • Zeiser, Andrew – Grant Consultant |

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Council Meeting

Bob Bennett began the meeting by asking if everyone had a chance to review the past meeting minutes, and if there were any additions or changes. None were made.

MOTION: Made by Kevin Crowe, seconded by Chris Lovass-Nagy, to approve the minutes as submitted from the March 1, 2005, MHPAC meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE; MOTION CARRIED.

*Item 8 was taken out of order.

VIII. MHDS Legislative update – Carlos Brandenburg, Ph.D.

Carlos discussed the Fiscal Year 2006 budget. The copies are attached.

Carlos highlighted a variety of mental health related bills that passed during the 2005 Legislative session. Copies of the bills are attached to the minutes as follows:

Assembly Bill No. 175 – Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Bill No. 21 – Committee on Human Resources and Education
Senate Bill No. 131 – Committee on Government Affairs

Division Highlights:

Kevin asked if the Triage Centers would provide emergency services for anyone needing psychiatric care.

Carlos replied that treatment would be for individuals with non-acute mental health issues with substance abuse.

Carlos ended by thanking everyone for their written letters and support. Special mention was made for Bob Bennett and Barbara Jackson.

III. Video Presentation – Carlos Brandenburg, Ph.D.

Bob announced the video presentation: *Inside outside: Building a Meaningful Life Outside the Hospital*.

Carlos presented the movie and a brief discussion followed.

IV. Mental Health Transformation Grant – Andrew Zeiser

Andrew summarized by explaining that Nevada's transformation efforts will be focused on six major areas of need in the state:

1. Need to address system fragmentation and gaps in service.
2. Need for the integration of substance abuse treatment services.
3. Need to address fragmentation of housing and residential support services.
4. Need to expand suicide prevention efforts.
5. Need to implement evidence-based practices.
6. Need to strengthen cultural competency.

MHPAC Involvement in Transformation Activities

The Chair and Vice Chair of MHPAC will serve as members of the Transformation Working Group. The outcomes during year one of the project are:

1. Complete a thorough inventory of resources.
2. Complete a thorough needs assessment.
3. Analyze, prioritize, and monitor existing Nevada transformation recommendations to prepare for the development of the Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan.
4. Complete the Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan.

Rene Norris, asked if this program was for adult mental health services only. Andrew replied no, it is for both children and adults.

V. Submit FY 2006 Subgrant Application Score Sheets for Tabulation – Andrew Zeiser

Andrew collected the score sheets from all the voting members to tabulate the final scores for the Consumer Services Sub grant Awards.

Lunch break. Resumed meeting at 12:35 p.m.

VI. Review and approval of SFY 2006 Consumer Services Subgrant Awards – Andrew Zeiser

Andrew presented final scores and ranking.

A discussion of the grant amounts and final award determinations were made as follows:

Several members recommended that the request for funding be denied for Bob Bennett's Subgrant, due to a conflict of interest.

Final subgrantee awards are listed below:

<i>Organization:</i>	<i>Amount:</i>
1. Nevada Health Centers	\$8,000
2. A Rainbow Place	\$9,000
3. Ron Wood Family Resources Center	\$2,600
4. Center for Creative Therapeutic Arts	\$5,000
5. Bob Bennett	\$0
6. NAMI Nevada	\$6,000
7. Southern Nevada AHEC	\$0
8. Gerald O'Brien	\$6,000
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Total Funded	\$36,600

Subgrantees that received a different amount other than requested will be required to submit a revised budget.

Special Mention:

Alyce Thomas introduced and thanked: Cornelius, Darlene, Chris, and Kitty (SNAMHS staff members) for their support and service.

VII. Review and Approval of Nominating Committee Recommendations for Council Membership – Barbara Jackson

Rene stated that there was confusion about how many people could be appointed to the Council from Nevada P.E.P. The Council unanimously agreed that anyone is eligible to apply.

Barbara Jackson, Nominating Committee Chair, reviewed the two proposed applicants set forth for approval.

1. Lydia Snead
2. Michelle Nicole Palizzi

Brief discussion regarding the review process followed.

MOTION: Made by Becky Richard-Maley, seconded by Alyce Thomas, to approve the proposed new applicants.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE; MOTION CARRIED.

Andrew reminded everyone that the new member applications will be submitted for final approval by the Governor.

Kevin suggested an orientation for new members.

More details will be discussed at the MHPAC meeting scheduled for August 23, 2005.

VIII. Subcommittee Updates

1. Seclusion and Restraint – no report given
2. Legislative Committee – no report given
3. DCFS Legislative update – Becky Richard-Maley and Theresa Anderson

Theresa discussed the following Assembly Bills: AB 42, AB 43, and AB 369.

Theresa presented the DCFS budget, and then announced there would be 144 new staff positions. Wraparound in Nevada (WIN) program for children with serious emotional disturbance (SED) was discussed.

Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie was a great advocate for this program.

The program is very successful and is currently serving 500 children and families.

The Council thanked Theresa for her report.

IX. Executive Report – Judge Cooley

No report given.

X. New Business

No new business.

XI. Public Comment

Becky gave recognition to Barbara Jackson for her testimony before the Legislature.

Kevin introduced Julie Kane, the new Administrative Assistant to the Council.

Kevin gave recognition and thanked Michelle Cannizzaro for a job well done while supporting the Council.

XII. Set Date

The Council will be notified by e-mail regarding the August meeting date.

XIII. Adjournment

Bob Bennett said if there were no other comments or concerns, would the Council make a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Made by Alyce Thomas, seconded by Barbara Jackson.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.